

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 564

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A RESOLUTION to commend Taiwan on its contributions to the global economy and the promotion of world peace, freedom, and human rights and to support its efforts to join the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and other international organizations.

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America are friends and allies of long standing, both dearly cherishing the commonly shared values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's seventeenth largest economy, the United States' eighth largest trading partner, and the sixth largest market for the United States' agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and Taiwan have enjoyed mutually beneficial sister-state relations since 1980, with the prospect of further growth; the State of Tennessee supports a Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a major manufacturer of information technology products, is an indispensable provider in the global high-tech industry, and its peace and stability are not only vital to the Asian Pacific region, but also to the world economy; and

WHEREAS, the threat of the use of force against Taiwan in any form, including the increasing deployment of missiles aimed at Taiwan or the passage of legislation to justify the future invasion of Taiwan, should be strongly opposed; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a willing and contributing member of the world community, was one of the most active foreign contributing parties in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-three million people in Taiwan are not represented in the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and other important international organizations, and the human rights of the Taiwanese people as citizens of the world are therefore seriously hindered; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the efforts of Taiwan to join the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and other international organizations are commended and supported.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mr. R.C. Wu, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.